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THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE,

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

The general Conference now in session at Kansas City, Mo., of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will do several things of importance and will pass laws, affecting the Church throughout the world, but the most important of all the things it will be called upon to do, will be the election of several Bishops. Among the candidates for these high religious honors appear the Rev. D. P. Roberts of Bethel, and Rev. Cook, Pastor of Quinn Chapel, this city. Dr. Cook has not been among us very long but what we have seen of him, we feel that the Ministry would, in no wise be injured by his promotion to the Bishopric. As to Dr. D. P. Roberts of Bethel Church, it would be quite difficult to find a man more capable, efficient and desirable man for the honors. Dr. Roberts has been pastoring churches in this city for several years. His stay at Quinn and at Bethel was fraught with every problem, likely to occur in church, life and discipline and yet Dr. Roberts has lived, acted and preached above question or suspicion. His name has been and is a symbol of all that is honorable, upright and Godly. No one act of the Conference for good can possibly excel the one to make Dr. D. P. Roberts, Bishop.

### DEATH OF REV. T. A. CLARK.

Rev. Thomas A. Clark departed this life, after a lingering illness of three months recently, at his late residence, 6552 Champlain avenue, aged 66 years, 10 months and 2 days.

The deceased was one of the oldest members of the Iowa Annual Conference and had been a resident of Chicago for eleven years.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence by Rev. Timothy Reeves, assisted by Rev. W. D. Cook, Rev. R. E. Wilson, Rev. Horace Graves, Rev. James Higgins, Rev. Jesse Woods, Rev. S. L. Birt, Rev. Cato and Rev. N. Webb. The sermon by Rev. Reeves was very beautiful and impressive.

The deceased leaves a wife, three sons, two daughters, a grandson, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

### OXFORD RHODES SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION.

President James of the University of Illinois, Chairman of the Rhodes Scholarship Commission of Illinois, announces that the next Qualifying Examination for candidates for the Oxford Rhodes Scholarships will be held Tuesday, October 15th, and Wednesday, October 16th, 1912, in the Northwestern University Building, Lake Street, Chicago.

A Scholar will be selected for Illinois from candidates who pass this Qualifying Examination. Papers will be set in this Examination in Latin, Greek and Mathematics; and only those candidates who may have passed in at least Latin and Mathematics will be eligible for a Scholarship.

Subject to this condition, a candidate to be eligible must:—

1. Be a citizen of the United States with at least five years domicile, and be unmarried.

2. By the 1st of October, 1913, have passed his 19th and not have passed his 25th birthday.

3. By the 1st of October, 1913, completed at least his Sophomore year at some recognized Degree-granting University or College of the United States of America.

In accordance with the wish of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the Committee of Selection in selecting a Student to a Scholarship has regard to (1) his literary and scholastic attainments, (2) his fondness for and success in manly out-door sports, such as cricket, football and the like, (3) his qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship, and (4) his exhibition

during school-days of moral force of character, and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates. Mr. Rhodes suggests that (2) and (3) should be decided in any School or College by the votes of fellow-students, and (4) by the Head of the School or College.

The Scholarships are of the value of \$1500 a year; and are tenable for three years.

May 13, 1912.

### THE CHORAL STUDY CLUB.

The Choral Study Club in their May Festival performance at Quinn Chapel Church, Monday night, May 27th, will present Coleridge Taylors "Blind Girl of Castle Caille, which is one of the most important choral compositions of the present time and received its only two renditions in America by the Choral Study Club. The second work to be performed is Cowan's "St. John's Eve," rendered with much success by the Club in 1909. Soloists: Mrs. Martha Brandus Anderson, Mrs. Virginia Greene, Soprano; Mrs. Clara K. Williams, Contralto; Mr. George L. Johnson, Tenor; Mr. T. Theodore Taylor, Baritone; Mrs. Pelagie Blair, Miss Gertrude Jackson, accompanists; and the Choral Study Club Orchestra. Admission 50 cents. No reserved seats.

### The White Rose Club.

The members of the White Rose Club will be entertained Saturday afternoon by Miss Irene McCoy, at her residence, 6328 Vincennes avenue. All members are invited.

### Midlothian Club.

The club was entertained Thursday evening, May 9, by Miss Mamie C. Lewis in her new home at 3728 Rhodes avenue. The next regular meeting of the club will be held Thursday, May 23, at the residence of Miss Beatrice Lee, 3259 Dearborn street.

### Criterion Club.

The Criterion Club held an interesting meeting in its club room, 3708 Wabash avenue, Friday evening, May 17. All members were present.

Great preparations are being made by the Criterion Club for the Recital to be given jointly by — Constantia Brown and Mr. Hackney, at Bethel Church, May 24th.

## CHIPS

Miss Ward has been ill for a number of days but is better now.

Mr. Walter Jordan has returned from the hospital, and is improving rapidly.

Mrs. S. E. Briscoe was indisposed for a few days this week on account of a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Denison have moved to their summer home up Lake Michigan.

Miss Maud Hurley, 3528 Wabash avenue, has been indisposed for several days this week.

Miss Aurelia Ward, a popular and well-known girl, formerly of this city, is expected to return to Chicago soon.

Invitations are out announcing the formal dance of the Navarre Club Monday night at Oakland Music Hall.

Mrs. Joseph Moore, of 3433 Armour avenue, is confined to her home on account of illness.

Lee Tobin, one of our society young men, returned to the city after an absence of several weeks.

James Newsome, who was confined to Provident Hospital for two weeks, is at home doing nicely.

The people of Lake Forest Baptist Church will begin their rehearsal for the B. Y. P. U. Congress in June.

Messrs. De Priest and Ferribee have moved their offices from 3403 State street to 3439 State street.

Mrs. Rosa Williams, wife of Dr. John Williams, is much improved and is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Eli Hart is suffering very much with her hand. She had a fall not very long ago.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan have returned to Lake Forest to live, and they are living on Telegraph Road.

The Rogers children are almost over with their measles. They will be welcomed to Sunday school again.

Attorney William G. Anderson, has removed his law office, from 35 N. Clark street, to 77 West Washington street.

Dr. W. H. Davis, 3226 Prairie avenue, left last Saturday, for Frederick Md., and other eastern points on business.

Mr. Julius F. Taylor has almost entirely recovered from his recent spell of sickness, and this coming week he will be ready for business.

Mr. Julius N. Avendorph was the happy recipient of a season's pass for the American League Base Ball Park for 1912.

The Assembly held its final dancing party of the season at Wood's Academy Hall, 3800 Vincennes avenue, Friday evening, May 17th.

Mrs. James Parker, of 6618 Vernon avenue, presented her husband with a fine son last week. Mother and son doing nicely.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Johnson, of 6012 Ada street, died Sunday afternoon and was buried Monday.

Mr. Noah D. Thompson has gone into the bakery business in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Thompson has the best wishes of all his friends in Chicago.

Mrs. William M. Thomas, 3743 Forest avenue, gave a surprise birthday party last evening in honor of her good husband, William Thomas.

Mrs. Lottie Williams, wife of Bert A. Williams, formerly of Williams and Walker, was operated on last week at the Samaritan Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

James T. Peterson and Clarence Allen of Mobile, Ala., and Madison J. Vance, Col. James Lewis and James Lewis, Jr., will be in attendance at the Republican Convention next month.

Dr. F. L. Browne, 4546 Evans avenue, has returned to the city from a very pleasant visit to his mother in Ruthville, Va., and to relatives in Washington, New York and Richmond.

Mrs. H. Lewis of Chicago, was at the missionary meeting Sunday afternoon. She gave a splendid talk to and of mothers, about home and how they should raise their children.

Mr. Louis C. Seldon of the County Recorder's Office has been confined to his home for several days on account of serious illness. His friends are pleased to note his recovery.

Household of Ruth, No. 1086, enjoyed a delightful eve. on last Tuesday, the district most noble governors, Mrs. Nora Taylor, was with them. Two ladies, Mrs. Wicks and Miss A. Sickles, were initiated into the lodge.

Mrs. Nancy J. Nelson, Cincinnati, O., 1013 Bymiller street, is still a steadfast supporter of The Broad Ax. Each year she cheerfully sends her subscription to it without the least dunning.

The Misses Ada, Lou and Ethel Mitchell's name was used by the Navarre Club as associate members on their invitations without their permission or knowledge. Friendship does not warrant the use of one's name without their consent.

Mrs. Julius N. Avendorph and two sons returned home on last Saturday after three months' stay in Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La. Mrs. Avendorph was the guest of the leading families in both cities and returned with very pleasant memories of the South and those whom she met.

Dr. M. F. Murray, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine for many years, corner of 20th and State streets. He has always had many patients among the Afro-Americans residing in that district. Dr. Murray, and the late Dr. Alexander Lane, were warm friends, and frequently they handled many difficult cases of sickness together.

### HEALTH NOTES.

A dirty home is a dangerous home.

Have you cleaned up your back yard yet? If you have don't forget that it will need attention right along or it will soon get dirty again.

If your home surroundings are clean, the flies will not bother you much.

Kerosene sprayed on ponds or pools of stagnant water will prevent mosquitoes from breeding. A half-pint is sufficient for 100 square feet of surface. If possible, all stagnant pools of water should be drained or filled.

One fly killed now will prevent a million later on.

## METHODIST IN UPLIFT WORK

Africa's Needs Presented by Dr. J. H. Reid.

### NATIVES ARE EAGER TO LEARN

President of Liberian College on West Coast Brings Message of Hope and Good Cheer From Foreign Field. Race Wants Bishop in M. E. Denomination.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The question of a member of the race as bishop to supervise the work of the colored conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church is agitating the minds of many of those who are here attending the quadrennial session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which will be in session until about the last of May. The question of a colored bishop has been generally discussed during the past three years.

The idea meets the unanimous approval of the colored delegates, and many of the whites have expressed themselves strongly in favor of the election of such a person. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Gammon Theological seminary and M. C. B. Mason, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid society, who were aspirants in past general conferences, are mentioned in connection with the honor. Among the new ones are Dr. Robert E. Jones, who has made a fine record as editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; Dr. W. H. Brooks, pastor of St. Mark's church, New York city; Dr. Isiah B. Scott, missionary bishop to Liberia, and Dr. L. L. Thomas, assistant field secretary of the board of home missions and church extension.

Dr. Thomas is a member of the Washington conference, where he filled some of the most important appointments. As a platform orator he is in great demand, and during his eight years' incumbency of his present position he has done a telling work of great magnitude. Prominent men of



PRESIDENT J. H. REID.

the church are said to regard him as one of the best planners in the denomination and the possessor of those qualities essential for the episcopacy.

Prominent among the many colored delegates here are: Revs. M. C. B. Mason, one of the secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid Society; S. S. Jolley of Cambridge, Md.; C. A. Tindley of Philadelphia, C. C. Jacobs of the board of Sunday schools, Robert E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; I. Garland Penn, one of the assistant secretaries of the Epworth League; M. J. Naylor of Baltimore, R. S. Lovinggood of Texas, M. W. Degan of the same state and John H. Reid, president of the College of West Africa, at Monrovia, Liberia, and an assistant consul general of the United States to Liberia.

Dr. Reid has been in Liberia for the past seven years, and his efforts have resulted in a great educational awakening in that country. He is a delegate to the general conference, representing the Liberia conference. During his administration at the college the importance of the work has grown to such proportions that more accommodations are needed for the 300 or more students that were enrolled last year. He is also desirous of strengthening the various departments of the college and to that end will try to raise \$20,000.

Dr. Reid says that the natives are greatly interested in education, and that the establishment of a number of scholarships will aid them to be clothed, lodged and fed while attending the college.

He says that all people who are interested in the development of Africa should help in the campaign to raise \$20,000 for the College of West Africa. One hundred scholarships would do untold good.

President Reid is a native of the United States, having been born in Baton Rouge, La., March 4, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of his county and New Orleans university, graduating from the college department of that school in 1891. He joined the Texas conference in December of that year and for that year and the next was president of Houston (Tex.) academy.

### PERSISTENCE IN POLITICS.

Two States in Which Noteworthy Progress is Being Made.

The colored people of Pennsylvania and Illinois may well feel proud of the political progress made this year. In Philadelphia they rose to the fullness of their strength and renominated Hon. Harry Bass for his second term in the state legislature, an honor which he deserves by reason of his good work of the last session, says the Pittsburgh Courier.

In Chicago they have even done better. Not satisfied with the renomination of one Negro candidate, they go just one step higher and nominate a senator. Hon. Edward D. Green, their representative won with an unprecedented majority, while the candidate for the senatorship, Major R. R. Jackson, led his nearest rival by over 1,000 votes.

There is little doubt of their election, as they were the people's choice from the beginning. Pittsburgh takes courage from the lessons taught in Philadelphia and Chicago. "What man has done man may do," and that right here in Allegheny county. We have the material and the votes. Why not have the representation?

### GUARDIAN'S WARNING NOTE.

Brownsville Affair Worse Than Taft's Color Line Policy, It Believes.

We are emphasizing Brownsville because Brownsville was a lynching by a president, says the Boston Guardian. The principle was to punish all because no guilty Negro could be found. Lynching is the worst evil of all for us. Brownsville was much worse than even the color line preachments of President Taft, for which we do not forgive him.

Brownsville was an act of execution which deprived colored men of the right to be tried before being punished.

Roosevelt's recall doctrine is the virtual lynching of our courts. Furthermore, Roosevelt is more dangerous than Taft because more popular and stronger. He is so popular that he can take away our rights and get off with it.

We have less chance of redress under him. He scares off friends and seeks to destroy those who oppose him for us. Remember the fate of Foraker.

### PENN SCHOOL CELEBRATES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Occasion of Joy For All—General Robert Smalls Speaks.

The recent celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Penn school on St. Helena Island, South Carolina, the oldest institution of learning for colored people in the south, was the occasion of much joy and satisfaction for faculty, students and friends of the school.

It was in April of 1862 that Miss Laura M. Towne of Philadelphia arrived on St. Helena Island. She was among the first of that little band of public spirited men and women who responded to the call for missionaries and teachers for the newly freed slaves of the sea islands many years ago.

With the capture of the forts on Hilton Head and Bay Point, S. C., on Nov. 7, 1861, by General Sherman these sea islands had fallen into the hands of the Union forces. The need of help in superintending the gathering of the valuable cotton crop and in teaching the people how to live and work under the new conditions of freedom was imperative. To this work Miss Towne devoted her life.

In June of the same year her friend, Miss Ellen Murray, joined her, and together these noble women lived and worked for the Negroes of St. Helena until the death of Miss Towne in 1901. Miss Murray continued her work on the island until her death in 1908.

The first day of the celebration was the people's day, when the people of the island greeted the guests who came from a distance. Hundreds of the former students of Penn school marched into Darrah hall as a body. The procession was headed by the veterans of the First South Carolina volunteers, afterward known as the Thirty-third United States colored infantry, the first regiment of Negro soldiers enlisted into the service of the United States.

The speaker of the day was General Robert Smalls, the slave pilot, of the planter who carried off the steamer which was chartered by the Confederate government from Charleston harbor and delivered it to the federal fleet.

After the meeting in Darrah hall there was given in the school grove a simple rehearsal of the scene which took place on Jan. 1, 1863, when the emancipation proclamation was read for the first time in the grove near the Old fort on Port Royal. Two flags were presented for the regiment and the school by J. R. MacDonald, a merchant of the island. The drummer on this occasion was General Robert Smalls, who had also been the drummer on that first emancipation day fifty years before at Port Royal.

Unfairness of Public Segregation. All attempts at segregation in our public school system should be met with the strongest possible opposition. The same must be done in regard to public conveyances, such as railroads, steamboats, street cars and the like. The false notion of some people that separation of the races breeds friendship and promotes peace is as illogical as damming a river to keep it from overflowing its banks. No class of citizens in a republic like ours should be humiliated by selfish and unjust legislation.

Biennial Meeting of Women's Clubs. The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, of which Miss Elizabeth C. Carter of New Bedford, Mass., is president, will hold its biennial meeting in Hampton, Va., during the week beginning July 22. Miss Carter has visited all sections of the country in the interest of the work since the last biennial meeting. Many women have been helped by her timely advice and unselfish devotion to the object and aim of the association. Her visit to California, South Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma and other states in the southwest elicited the highest commendation of both pulp and press.

Odd Fellows' Thanksgiving Service. The Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia, Household of Ruth, past grand masters' council and patriarch have completed arrangements for the annual Thanksgiving services to be held on Sunday, May 12. Twenty-six Odd Fellow lodges, one patriarch, one past grand masters' council and a number of Households of Ruth will hold joint services in the Metropolitan Baptist church. Four of the remaining lodges, four Households, one patriarch and one past grand masters' council will hold joint services at Mount Zion church.

Miss Burroughs Speaks For Y. M. C. A. The recent address delivered by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs in Pittsburgh in the interest of the Young Men's Christian association was fraught with hope and encouragement. Her sound logic in urging vigorous and correct manhood sent a thrill of admiration through the audience. Miss Burroughs' theme was "Be a Man," which she handled in a masterly way. The address was reported by Miss Elizabeth Jones and appeared in the Pittsburgh Courier of April 27.

Doc Scanlon has formerly announced to Manager Charles Hooton of the Phil lies that he will not play ball this year except with semi-professional teams in the Greater New York district.

Frank Howerman has been signed as manager of the London (Ont.) club of the Canadian league. His first baseman is Loey Bierbauer, son of Louis Bierbauer, the old Pittsburgh second baseman.

Seven of the eight International league managers are directing their teams from the coaching lines this season. George Stallings, the Buffalo pilot, is the only manager to handle the lines from the bench.

Packing the Grip. We'd like to bet That in the rush You will forget A comb and brush. —Youngstown Telegram.

We'd like to place A few choice rocks That in your case You put no socks. —Alliance Review.

We'd like to bet A dime about You went and left Your nightgown out. —Houston Post.

We'd like to bet At least two dollars You didn't take Enough clean collars. —Birmingham Age-Herald.

We'd almost dare To bet our life You did not fail To blame your wife. —Chicago Record-Herald.

To Suit the Occasion. Maud, who was sitting with her young man on the piazza, called in to Ethel in the parlor to play them something.

"What shall I play?" the latter called back. "Oh, anything you can think of that's appropriate." "Then I'll play something soft," said Ethel, seating herself at the piano. —Boston Transcript.

His Sentiments. BEFORE BUYING A CAR. Great Scott, but they're reckless, these chauffeurs, you know! It isn't Lord knows, that we need laws. But hanging a couple of dozen or so 'Would teach 'em respect for the speed laws.

AFTER BUYING ONE. Hey! Hit 'er up, chauffeur! This pace is too slow. It isn't the fashion to heed laws. So pull 'er wide open and let the thing go. What's that? Oh, the deuce with the speed laws! —Puck.

### SOME FINE FOUR TO SEVEN ROOM FLATS TO RENT.

TO RENT—Some fine 4 to 7 room flats to honest Colored people who wish to get away from the lower element. Here is a few of them. 5754 Wentworth ave., 4 to 6 rooms. Rent \$11 to \$18.

7228 Wentworth ave., 7 rooms and bath. Rent \$22.

7240 Wentworth ave., 7 rooms, and bath. Rent \$22.

7242 Wentworth ave., 7 rooms and bath. Rent \$22.

For more see Geo. White, 2420 La Salle St., 1st flat.

### FOUR ROOM STRICTLY MODERN COTTAGE TO RENT.

For rent four room strictly modern cottage to rent at 6252 Sangamon St. will rent to a family of adults for \$12 per month.

Nice lawn and everything fine call and see